

NAMI – SGV

San Gabriel Valley's Voice on Mental Illness

*NAMI-SGV is a grassroots organization supporting those impacted by mental illness.
Guided by our belief in the reality of recovery, we educate, support, advocate and reach out.*

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Fernando Ramirez

“Government Benefits for Those with Mental Illness”

NAMI San Gabriel Valley presents Fernando Ramirez, staff advocate at Mental Health Advocacy Services, who will speak on the issue of government benefits for those with mental illness, on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS) is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation providing free legal services to people with mental disabilities primarily in Los Angeles County. MHAS was established in 1977 as a joint project of the Los Angeles County and Beverly Hills Bar Associations. In 1979 MHAS incorporated and added the Mental Health Association in California as its third sponsor.

MHAS assists approximately 3,000 children and adults annually, with an emphasis on obtaining government benefits and services, protecting rights and fighting discrimination. MHAS also serves as a resource to the community by providing training and technical assistance to attorneys, mental health professionals, consumer and family member groups, and other advocates. In addition, MHAS participates in impact litigation in an effort to improve the lives of people with mental disabilities.

The agency's programs include the Special Education Outreach Project, Fair Housing Advocacy Project, Government Benefits Advocacy/Access to Mental Health Services Project, Juvenile Advocacy, Foster Youth Education Project, and Immigration Detention Advocacy Project.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the New Wilson Auditorium at Pacific Clinics Training Institute, 2471 East Walnut Street, Pasadena. Refreshments and the organization's business meeting will follow. All are welcome. There is no cost to attend, and there is ample free parking. For further information about this program, contact NAMI SGV at (626) 577-6697.

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